

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting, Thursday March 10, 2016

Sue White opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge. Sue reviewed the previous meeting minutes. She asked if there were any corrections or additions. Roger moved to accept the previous meeting minutes. John seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes. Present: Trustees Sue White, Roger Klodt, John Lampe, FO Mary Rodenbacher, V. McKay, W. Eversole, E. Myrla, M. Nichols

Old Business

Roger asked Mary to help with the deed for Beverly Bird Sanctuary. Mary reported that she obtained the deed for the Beverly Bird Sanctuary and took it to Chris Meduri for review. Chris responded that the township could transfer the land to another political subdivision with a deed restriction similar to that from the Audubon Society. He does not suggest that it be sold, but merely transferred. Sue stated that Todd Peetz mentioned that Portage County park is interested in park land. Mary will contact Todd.

Sue will meet with the Mental Health Board. Meeting on Wednesday regarding the “Too Good For Drugs” campaign. They plan to work on a specific plan with an amount of funds needed to reach every school in the county. It will be presented to the Commissioners for approval. The heroin problem is getting worse, not better. Sue stated that we need to get information from Atwater Township regarding their playground equipment for the grant and decide what we want.

New Business

John received a call from a resident regarding the use of jake brakes. Roger stated that we have the capability to make motion to put up signs. Roger’s opinion is that heavy trucks need the jake brakes for safety purposes. Erin commented that it is not a zoning issue and would never touch this issue. There was discussion about the need and/or use of jake brakes, safety issues, and enforcement. Walt feels it is an issue with the increasing number of trucks and will get worse with more traffic. He does not feel it would hurt to have a sign. Walt feels the drivers like to hear it. Virginia commented it might do well since they will not know if anyone is watching. John will investigate.

Sue received information about Direction Home at the EMA meeting. Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities provides older adults, people with disabilities and their caregivers long-term care choices and consumer protection so they can achieve the highest quality of live. They have expanded their services to include people of all ages. Their purpose remains the same – to provide choices for people to live independently in the place they want to call home. Additional information can be obtained on their web site www.directionhomeakroncanton.org or by calling a representative at 1-877-770-5558. Sue also attended the Portage Planning Open House. It was very informative. Erin stated that some new zoning members attended and learned what Portage Planning can and cannot do for our township.

Mary received a request from the Waterloo Youth Soccer to use the fields at the Old School Park. The trustees have no problem with this request. Roger suggested that complete the field use form.

Mary placed the February bank reconciliation in the trustee’s mailboxes. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to approve the February bank reconciliation. John seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 36 – 49 totaling \$20,070.64 and to pay warrants 36991 - 37020 and EFTs/Vouchers 101 – 119 totaling \$35,278.42. Sue so moved. John seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Erin presented the Zoning Report. Three permits were issued since February 22. The ZC met and voted to send the proposed map changes to Regional Planning for their recommendation. The next meeting will be March 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the SC. The next quarterly Zoning Meeting will take place on April 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the CC. Erin spoke with Bruce regarding a new phone with answering machine. Roger asked Erin to look into some prices.

Roger presented the Fire Report. Responses for February: Fire – 4; EMS – 42, MVA – 2; Incidents – 6 for a YTD total of 111. Chief Lang provided information on membership, training, public relations, building maintenance, and EMS billing. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on March 20. The Mogadore VFW donated \$2,000 toward the purchase of turnout gear. Chief Lang requested \$750 to purchase plastic storage bins for EMS supplies. These small divided bins are used in the cabinets of both ambulances and the supply cabinet for the storage of EMS supplies. These bins will allow us to more efficiently inventory our supplies as well as access them in emergency situations. Roger moved to approve the purchase of the bins not to exceed \$750. John seconded. Discussion: Mary asked the vendor for the PO. Roger will get the information. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

Roger explained the information Chief Lang presented regarding cost recovery at MVAs. Roger made a motion to establish and implement a program to recover costs for the delivery of emergency fire department services including, but not limited to, vehicular crash response, structure fires, car fires, search and rescue, and false alarms. Sue seconded. RCV: Roger – yes; John – yes; Sue – yes.

John spoke to the Edinburg Fire Chief who expressed gratitude to the RFD for their assistance at a recent house fire. Chief Pittinger had great praise for our department.

Roger invited everyone to attend the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be fire truck rides and the Easter Bunny will be visiting. Roger also reminded everyone to exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, March 15.

Public Comment

Walt commented that there are tires and a mattress at the Recycle Center. He feels it is cleaner and is upset that some people do not follow the rules. Walt suggested signs stating that security cameras are in place. Walt also stated that it is unfortunate that nine people will lose their job due to single stream recycling. Walt is not in favor of donating the Beverly Bird Sanctuary. He is concerned that we may be sorry that we did it down the road. He understands the situation the township is facing with vandalism and abuse of the park. Roger explained all the work the township has done in the past and it is never ending. Walt asked about plans if someone takes it. Roger stated that we have not decided to anything with it yet. If it were transferred to Portage Parks it would remain a park. Walt asked if the deed restriction can be changed. The trustees referred back to Chris Meduri's review that it would retain the deed restriction. Erin commented that often a creepy car is parked at the Beverly Bird Sanctuary. She feels it would switch the liability. Walt is not in favor of giving it away. Erin suggested an online poll to receive input from the community. Mary stated that the Portage County Engineer has a bin in their parking lot for tires that residents can use for tire disposal.

Virginia asked if the fire department has any trouble recouping their EMS fees. Roger explained that any balance after insurance has paid is written off for residents. Non-residents are billed for any remaining amount and to collection of necessary. Mary explained that some insurance plans have a fixed dollar amount or number of trips which can result in no payment for EMS transports.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.


Susan White, Chairman


Mary A. Rodenbucher, Fiscal Officer